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City Commission recognizes 5 recently promoted police officers

Capt. Burr, Capt. Holloway, Lt. Ternes, Sgt. Douglas, Sgt. Stroud all lauded

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (April 3, 2019) — The City Commission of Arkansas City recognized and congratulated five recently promoted Arkansas City Police Department officers at its meeting April 2.

The recent retirement of Capt. Mark McCaslin in February opened up a sort of chain reaction of promotions — a process that took about a month and a half to complete, said Police Chief Dan Ward.

“During this promotional process, we took a look at the organizational structure and recognized this was an opportunity to make some department-wide changes,” he said, adding that this year’s budget also included funds for an additional sergeant’s position to complement ACPD’s investigations unit.

The five officers recognized Tuesday night are Capt. **Eric Burr** and Capt. **Jim Holloway** (both promoted from lieutenant), Lt. **Kevyn Ternes** (promoted from sergeant and acting lieutenant), and Sgt. **Nelson Douglas** and Sgt. **Travis Stroud** (each promoted from the rank of master police officer).

Ward explained that under ACPD’s new structure, the department will be divided into two separate divisions. Capt. Holloway will oversee the Operations Division, which will consist of the four patrol shifts (two day shifts and two night shifts), each comprising one lieutenant, one sergeant and two officers.

Capt. Burr will oversee the Support Services Division, which consists of the investigations, community policing, records, animal control, evidence management and accreditation functions.

“This restructure will enable the department to improve department-wide communication and coordination of services to better meet departmental goals,” Ward said.

About the promoted officers

Capt. Jim Holloway has been with the Arkansas City Police Department for 25 years, serving as a patrol officer, field training officer, corporal, sergeant, patrol lieutenant and detective lieutenant.

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Holloway has completed an array of leadership schools, including the Central States Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Seminar, Kansas Police Administrators Seminar, Wichita State University Supervisor course, Supervisor's Role in Managing the Use of Force, Executive-Command Leadership Workshop, and Coaching Skills for Managers and Supervisors. Additionally, he has hundreds of hours of specialized training in the area of criminal investigation.

Capt. Eric Burr has been with the police department for 22 years, serving as a patrol officer, community policing officer, field training officer, detective, patrol sergeant, patrol lieutenant and accreditation manager. Burr also has completed an array of leadership schools, including the Central States Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Seminar, Kansas Police Administrators Seminar, FBI LEEDA Media & Public Relations, Police Recruiter Boot Camp, Human Trafficking Train the Trainer, Use of Force Liability Instructor Course, CALEA Accreditation Manager training and Laws of Leadership: Challenging Organizational Culture.

Lt. Kevyn Ternes has been with the department for 22 years, serving as an acting lieutenant for the past four years. Additionally, he has served as an officer, corporal, field training officer, school resource officer, school resource officer supervisor, SWAT team assistant team leader and sergeant.

Ternes, too, has completed an array of leadership schools, including the FBI Supervisor Leadership Institute for Law Enforcement Executives, FBI Command Institute for Law Enforcement Executives, Central States Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Seminar, Kansas Police Administrators Seminar and Wichita State University Supervisor course.

Sgt. Travis Stroud has been with ACPD for 16 years, serving as a dispatcher, police officer, field training officer, master police officer and SWAT team member. He has completed leadership trainings that include Basic Supervision, Inspirational Trustworthy Leadership, Laws of Leadership: Challenging the Law Enforcement Organization, Blue Courage and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Supervisor Institute.

Sgt. Nelson Douglas has been with the police department for 12 years, serving as a patrol officer, field training officer, master police officer and detective. He also had executive management experience in the private retail sector prior to becoming a police officer. Douglas is an instructor for the department in the areas of defensive tactics and police baton usage. He also has extensive training and experience in the areas of investigation, interviewing and interrogation.

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